

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sinclair has too much influence for one company. They are a monopoly in too many markets. They have shown that they are not worthy of the public trust and should be forced to give equal time to the opposing point of view or be stopped from stealing the public air waves to promote their propaganda electioneering. Furthermore they should be broken up and forced to sell at least half of their stations.

The first admendment is being disregarded in this country by a failed policy of allowing the control of the media by a few select corporations. The sole purpose of these corporations is short term financial gain. The reason they want to dishonor Kerry is because they don't want to pay taxes! GREED! They have no interest in promoting our democracy and by allowing this to continue you have failed the people of this country. why don't they pay a fee to use the people's air ways? Only public stations should get to use the airwaves without a fee. why is it a giveaway to Sinclair who is so obviously biased????

If this airs and we have another mess like 2000. You will be at fault by failing to act. Don't sell out America. Your grandchildren might not survive this endless war we have embraced. Thank you.